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In Memory of Wesley Beard

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Wesley Beard, son of the late Ralph Beard and Cassie Onieda Murphy Beard, was born September 17, 1939, in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on May 25, 2024, in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 84.

Mr. Beard worked as a foreman for Liberty Township until he retired. He also farmed and was a member of the National Guard for 6 years. He was a member of the Assembly of God in Bernie, Missouri.

On October 31, 1959, in Bernie, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Reva Irene Stearnes. Mrs. Beard survives of their home in Bernie, Missouri.

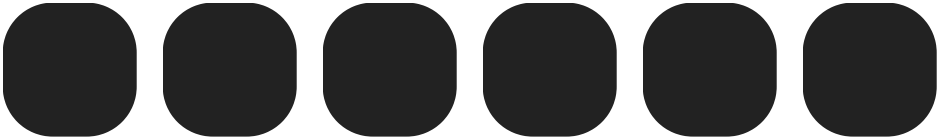
Other than his wife he is survived by, one daughter, Marla Tilmon and husband James of Bernie, Missouri; one sister, Neva Wilson of Bernie, Missouri; two grandchildren, Andrew Tilmon and wife Misty and Michael Tilmon and wife Ashlynn; six great-grandchildren, C.J Tilmon, Jackson Tilmon, Liam Tilmon, Grayson Tilmon, Jace Tilmon and Carter Tilmon.

Other than his parents, he is preceded in death by four brothers, Weston Beard, Ronnie Beard, Donald Beard and Kennett Beard; six sisters, Geneva Poston, Reva Medlin, Ruby Nunn, Mary Blevins, Louella Smith and Audrey Hatchel.

Visitation will be held Wednesday May 29, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted May 29, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Mark Thrasher officiating. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Alberta Stover

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Alberta Stover, daughter of the late Joseph Endicott and Ina Harrold Endicott, was born on July 29, 1948, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on May 25, 2024, at her son’s residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. Stover was the owner of Alberta’s Windshield Repair. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Jimmy Stover. Mr. Stover preceded her in death on July 1, 2023.

She is survived by two sons, Steven Cox and wife April of Dexter, Missouri, and Anson Barney III and wife Sarah of Portageville, Missouri; by two daughters, Carolyn Morgan of Dexter, Missouri, and Lori House and husband Rick of Dexter, Missouri; by her sister, Joyce Wooten of North Carolina; by thirteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great grandchild on the way.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers. Larry Lamb, Charles Hayes, and Jimmy Hayes; and by two sisters, Ruth Burkett, and Shirley Manning.

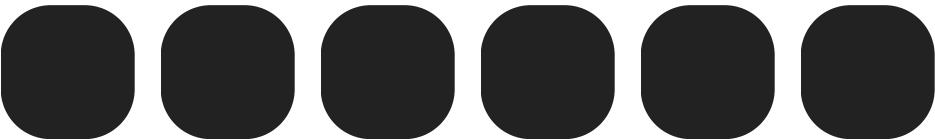
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dwight Hensley officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Jimmy Bland

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Jimmy Bland, son of the late Charles “Seed” Bland and Ruth Barton Bland, was born on March 20, 1946, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on May 22, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Bland was a Veteran of the United States Army. He was the former owner of Bland Insurance and Dexter Queen in Dexter Missouri, a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, and a resident of Dexter.

Jim was a 1964 graduate of Dexter High School. He was an amazing athlete leading the Dexter Bearcats to a perfect 10-0 season his senior year. He averaged a first down every time he carried the ball and accomplished the unbelievable feat of leading all of Southeast Missouri in scoring his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. He was recruited by many outstanding college football programs and played at the University of Arkansas, finishing his career at Southeast Missouri State.

Jim had a very distinguished Military Career, becoming an Infantry Officer, Airborne Ranger and one of the best of the best in the Army, graduating from Special Forces School and wearing the Green Beret. He then had an outstanding career in the Missouri Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of Colonel after 29 years of exemplary service.

On March 31, 1979, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Judy Jerls. Mrs. Bland survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, Judy, he is survived by his daughter, Lori Bland Buck of Dexter, Missouri; by his brother, Charles Lyle Bland of Fulton, Missouri; by his grandson, Keiton Buck of Dexter, Missouri; by two nephews, Bart Bland and wife Debbie of Wentzville, Missouri, and Doug Bland and wife Beth of Wentzville, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Judy Bland.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, May 26, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Charles Kruse and Greg Mathis officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

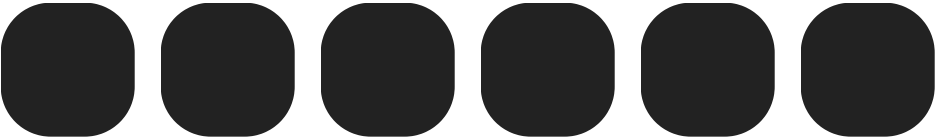
Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841.

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In Memory of John Randal McQueen

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In Memory of John Randal McQueen

John Randal McQueen, a dedicated truck driver for Schott Farms, bid farewell to this world on May 24, 2024. He was born on March 8, 1956, to Charles and Alice (Brady) McQueen in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. John's journey on this earth came to an end in Dexter, Missouri.

John was a man of God, and the road, finding solace and purpose behind the wheel of his truck and with his faith. His career as a truck driver at Schott Farms not only defined him but also brought him immense joy and satisfaction throughout the years.

Described as someone who talked a lot and fearlessly spoke his mind, John never shied away from engaging with anyone he met. His extroverted nature ensured that he never met a stranger; his warmth and candor left lasting imprints on the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him.

Beyond his professional achievements, John found delight in simple pleasures like fishing, perusing yard sales for hidden treasures, and the freedom of driving a truck. His loyalty extended not just to his hobbies but also to his unwavering support as a Trump enthusiast.

In John's circle of love and loss are his parents , Charles and Alice (Brady) McQueen and one brother Tim McQueen. He is survived by his devoted wife Christine McQueen of the home ; his son Jonathan McQueen of Cape Girardeau; his daughter Brena Ladner of Gulfport, Mississippi; one brother Alan McQueen of Bloomfield; one sister Linda Ottinger of Lebanon, Tennessee; along with a multitude of other cherished family members and friends.

A visitation to honor John's memory will be held at Watkins Funeral Homes in Bloomfield on May 29, 2024, starting at 12:00 noon followed by a Memorial Service at 2:00 PM. These services will provide an opportunity for all who knew John to come together in remembrance

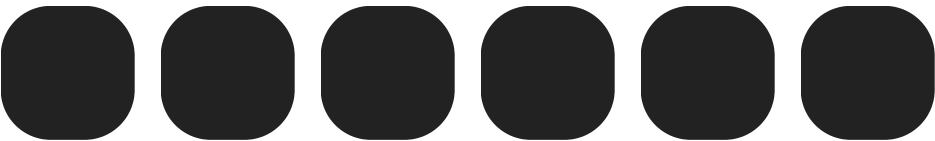
and celebration of a life well-lived.

In our hearts and minds, John's legacy will live on through the memories we shared with him. May he rest in peace knowing that he was loved greatly and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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In Memory of Rev. Ronald L. Ledbetter

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In Memory of Rev. Ronald L. Ledbetter

Rev. Ronald L. Ledbetter, son of the late Hershel L. Ledbetter and Naomi Keith Ledbetter, was born on November 10, 1934, in Parma, Missouri, and departed this life on May 22, 2024, at Cox South Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 89 years.

Rev. Ledbetter was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He was a minister for 50+ years, he had sold insurance for Modern Woodmen, he was a former farmer, and a retired rural mail carrier. He pastored for 30+ years at Clines Island Baptist Church, and he attended Olive Branch General Baptist Church in Essex. He enjoyed being on the farm watching his crops and cattle grow.

On February 3, 1956, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Marian Beal. Mrs. Ledbetter survives of their home in Essex, Missouri.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, Phillip Ledbetter and wife Nola of Holts Summitt, Missouri; by his daughter, Rhonda Ledbetter of Houston, Missouri; by his brother, Gary Ledbetter of Ocala, Florida; and by two granddaughters, Leah Ledbetter and Hannah Ledbetter and his great-granddaughter, Myra Austill.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Ledbetter, and Doug Ledbetter and by his sister, Phyllis Kaye Smith.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Dudley Hamilton officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

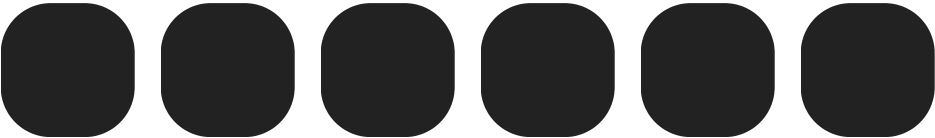
Memorials may be made to lifetoday.org.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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